Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mary Montoya is committed to bringing a "change of heart" to the inmates at the South Dakota State Penitentiary through making available spiritual and cultural choices by being their friend and advisor through her average 20 hours of volunteer work each week; and,

Whereas, Mary works with about 450 Native American inmates in Sioux Falls, and works with the Native American Council of Tribes and LDN Spiritual Group, as well as the nine reservations to provide and enhance opportunities for the Native American inmates to learn about and practice their unique customs and values; and,

Whereas, Mary assists inmates in a variety of ways from the expected activities of preparing tax returns and giving financial advice, to the unexpected projects of cutting 90 willow saplings to build sweat lodges, to collecting meat and hides for their ceremonies; and,

Whereas, Mary helped in the renovation and fundraising of the old auditorium into the "Hope Chapel", purchasing 140 books for the chapel library, and has been involved for over six years with the Family Connection, which provides emotional and financial support for the families of inmates at the Penitentiary; and,

Whereas, Mary helped to establish a standard bookkeeping system for the Catholic Diocese; and,

Whereas, Mary has received the South Dakota CPA Society Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to the accounting profession serving both the South Dakota CPA Society and the South Dakota Board of Accountancy for many years; and,

Whereas, Mary is the recipient of the South Dakota CPA Society Public Service Award and has been selected by the AICPA as the 2002 National Public Service Award winner and will receive her award before the AICPA Governing Council on April 29, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2003, as

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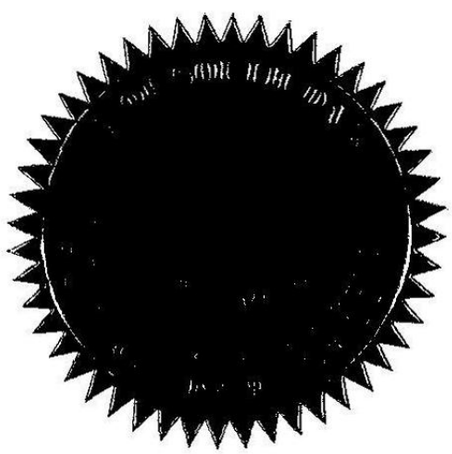
in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends and colleagues in honoring Mary for this distinguished award.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State